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Queen Esther chapter No. 22, O. E. E., will hold its regular meeting tonight (Thursday) at Masonic hall at 8 o'clock. Installation supper will be served at 6:30, at which all members are urged to be present, and all visiting members will be welcome; also there will be conferring of degrees and installation of officers.
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WATER REPORT
Reservoir elevation 187.50
Reservoir contents acre feet 943,666
Gain, 24 hours 1,261
Elevation year ago 201.90
Contents year ago 1,006,115
Water used, north side 29,920
Water used, south side 10,663

WEATHER FORECAST
Arizona: Thursday fair; Friday unsettled, rising temperature.
Colorado: Thursday fair, rising temperature; Friday partly cloudy and warmer.
New Mexico: Thursday and Friday generally fair, slowly rising temperature.

WEATHER RECORD

Station	High	Low	Wind	Clouds	Remarks
Boston	40	52	Clear	00	
Buffalo	32	34	Cloudy	45	
Chicago	30	32	Snow	00	
Denver	36	48	Clear	00	
Flagstaff	26	36	Clear	00	
Pasadena	56	66	Cloudy	00	
Galveston	54	58	Pt. Cl. dy	00	
Kansas City	42	44	Clear	00	
Los Angeles	70	74	Pt. Cl. dy	00	
Minneapolis	30	30	Clear	00	
New Orleans	52	60	Clear	00	
New York	38	44	Cloudy	02	
Phoenix	42	48	Clear	00	
Rainfall	0.0	0.0			
Pittsburg	32	36	Snow	01	
St. Louis	38	42	Clear	00	
Salt Lake City	24	30	Clear	00	
San Diego	62	72	Pt. Cl. dy	00	
San Francisco	52	54	Cloudy	00	
Spokane	32	34	Cloudy	00	
Tucson	62	68	Clear	00	
Washington	44	48	Pt. Cl. dy	00	
Winnipeg	16	20	Clear	00	
Yuma	52	66	Clear	00	

Local Weather Yesterday

	6 a.m.	Noon	6 p.m.
Temp., dry bulb	35	63	65
Temp., wet bulb	29	47	48
Humidity, per cent.	62	11	16
Wind from	NW	NE	E
Wind, miles	3	18	12
Rainfall	0.0	0.0	0.0
Weather	Clear	Clear	Pt. Cl. dy
Highest yesterday		72	
Lowest yesterday		32	
Total rainfall		0.0	
Deficiency in temperature yesterday, no degrees.			
Deficiency in temperature since the first of the month, 51 degrees.			
Accumulated deficiency in temperature since Jan. 1, 247 degrees.			
Normal precipitation, Jan. 1 to date, 7.66 inches.			
Actual precipitation Jan. 1 to date, 6.31 inches.			
Deficiency since Jan. 1, 1.45 inches.			

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HIGHWAYS WEATHER BULLETIN
River Crossings
The river at Sacaton is dry and crossing good.
Apache County
Old Trails highway via Springerville and St. Johns and Holbrook in good shape; roads packed hard and no snow. Tourist traffic practically stopped owing to cold weather. Side roads passable but the mountain roads unsafe for auto travel.

Cochise County
All county roads in good condition.
Cocconino County
All roads open. East and west highway good; Grand Canyon road fair; to Tonto Basin and Verde rough but passable.

Gila County
All roads in this county are now in good condition.
Graham County
Graham county roads in fair shape; repairs being made from Solomonville to Glenbar.

Greenlee County
All roads in first class condition; all graded and well packed; no mud or slippery roads anywhere; all streams bridged. Best route between Safford and Clifton is via Duncan.

Maricopa County
Valley roads dusty; coast roads fair; Black Canyon rough; Wickenburg road good; Superior/Florence good; Apache trail fair; going to Ajo via Laveen be careful of drain ditch crossings. Buckeye crossing very good to Gila Bend.

Mohave County
All main roads in fair condition except Old Trails national highway from Crozier to Hackberry and Oatman to Topock. Drivers should be careful in crossing washes.

Navajo County
Fort Apache road bad from Shumway to Showlow; best road via Linden. Gallup road good to Adamana. All other roads dry and in fair condition.

Pinal County
Whitewater: Roads dry and hard, following heavy rains in October; very rough south to Pinal. Mesa and mountain roads good. Valley roads very dusty and chucky; no rain.

Santa Cruz County
All county roads in good traveling condition; no rains or snow up to the present.

Yavapai County
All roads in fair condition.
Yuma County
Work has been commenced on the road between Quartzsite and Ackburg. This is the shortest route to the Ehrenberg ferry. Ferry service good.

HE GOT THE SPIRIT
There's a suburban home whose owner's principal delight is in keeping a quick and span. After dinner he and guest were smoking on the front lawn. The guest after lighting his cigar threw the burned match to the ground. "Oh, I wouldn't do that, George," said the host.

"Why not?" asked the guest surprised. "It spoils the appearance of a place," was the answer. "It's just those little things that make a place look bad." The guest "smoking his cigar in silence for a minute, without a word got up from his chair, walked down to the road and disappeared. He returned in a short while and his host asked: "Why have you been gone, George?" "Oh, I just went down to throw my cigar ashes in the river," said George. "Everybody's Magazine."

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Local Briefs

POLICE COURT GRIST—Victor Jefferson was sentenced to 10 days in the city jail in police court yesterday on a charge of resisting an officer. Pinal Flores received a 10-day sentence on a charge of being drunk and disorderly, and J. D. Cunningham paid a \$10 fine on the same charge. Lizzie Clay, also charged with being drunk and disorderly, forfeited a bond of \$25.

COME TO VISIT SON AND WIFE—Professor and Mrs. H. G. Behoteguy arrived from Woonsocket yesterday to spend the winter months with their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Henri Behoteguy of 2416 North Third street. Professor Behoteguy formerly was instructor of French in Woonsocket college, retiring last June.

VISITOR IN PHOENIX—C. H. Thornton, former county attorney of Navajo county, was in Phoenix yesterday on business before the state land board.

BRIDGE TEA AT COUNTRY CLUB—The Country club will give a bridge tea Saturday afternoon, the hostesses being Mrs. Earle Nash, Mrs. J. E. Thompson, Mrs. George Bailey, Mrs. E. McCall, Mrs. J. E. Parks and Mrs. Frank Carrow. The card game will begin promptly at 2:30 o'clock.

HOME FROM WASHINGTON—Thomas Maddock, state engineer, will return from Washington Tuesday. Maddock has been in the East in the interest of securing federal aid.

TO YUMA FOR HEARINGS—Amos A. Betts, chairman of the corporation commission, and D. F. Johnson, member of the commission, will conduct a series of hearings having to do with rates of the Yuma Gas, Water and Light company.

WATER USERS' GOVERNORS—A special meeting of the board of governors of the Water Users' association will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Many important matters will be brought up for discussion at this time. It was announced yesterday.

HOME FROM UNIVERSITY—Bartlett Heard arrived yesterday from the University of California to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight B. Heard.

CHARGES DESERTION—Charging desertion, Fred Randolph yesterday brought suit for a decree of divorce from Lena Randolph. According to the complaint they were married at Muskogee, Okla., Nov. 20, 1916, and she left him in November, 1919.

WIFE GETS DIVORCE—Sarah West yesterday was granted a decree of divorce from Will West on grounds of failure to provide, by Judge J. E. Jones. She was restored her maiden name, Sarah Moore.

CONVICTED OF PETTY LARCENY—Willard Fogle yesterday was found guilty by Justice McKee on a hearing on a charge of petty larceny. He was sentenced to serve six days in the county jail from December 9. The complaint was made by W. A. O'Neill who alleged to have taken \$20 from the automobile of Harold Bargman, county engineer. Fogle said he thought he was taking the tarpaulin from his uncle's car.

CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT—Jack Young yesterday was arraigned before Justice McKee on a charge of embezzlement and was committed to the county jail when he failed to furnish a bond of \$750 for his appearance at a preliminary hearing held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The complaint was made by Jack Rosenberg who charges Young took two automobile tires that were entrusted to him.

FROM FRENCH LICK—Mr. and Mrs. C. Smith of French Lick, Indiana, are visiting their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCampbell of the Thomas Apartments.

BACK FROM SCHOOL SURVEY—Dr. H. H. Blome, state director of vocational education, will return today from Benson and St. David where he has been making a survey of the schools.

FIND THEY ARE LAW BREAKERS—After operating a water plant at Peoria for more than a year, Daley and Edwards learned that they have violated the statutes in not applying to the corporation commission for a certificate of convenience and necessity. The application was filed yesterday and the hearing set for December 27.

FILM EXCHANGE—The Associated Independent Motion Picture Exhibitors today at 29 West Adams street, in the quarters formerly occupied by the E. J. Bennett company, it was announced yesterday by the owner, James Carrigan. Carrigan is well known here and in other cities of the southwest, having a chain of theaters in Texas and New Mexico. He promotes the "Ancient Rome" feature at the St. Louis exposition in 1904. Mr. Carrigan's new enterprise here will supply films to Arizona and New Mexico points.

JURY FAILS TO AGREE—The jury in the superior court in the case of the state against W. A. Bratcher, charged with embezzlement, failed to agree on a verdict and were adjourned at 10 o'clock by Judge J. E. Jones. Bratcher, who was formerly cook at the state construction camp at the Colliwater bridge over the Arizona river, was alleged to have taken a box of provisions valued at \$15 with the intention of taking them home with him. Bratcher was first charged with petty larceny and this charge was dismissed by Justice McKee last July. Bratcher was then re-arrested on the charge of embezzlement, and held to answer. A motion to dismiss the case yesterday by Bratcher's counsel on the grounds that he had been held in jeopardy once and discharged for the same offense was denied.

SMOKE, BUT NO FIRE—Oily rags in a room on the first floor of the Heard building, used temporarily to store supplies for painters completing work on the building, caught fire at 8 o'clock last night and smoldered for a few minutes before the smoke was detected by persons at desks in an adjoining room. The fire was extinguished with chemicals. The fireproof construction of the Heard building prevented any damage whatever except a slight amount by smoke.

THESE WILL MARRY—Licenses to marry were issued yesterday to Manuel Soto, 21, and Beatrice Soto, 20, both of Phoenix; Elejandro Morita, 21, and Beatrice Soto, 20, both of Maricopa; Ramon Sessa, 22, and Dolores Valdez, both of Mesa; and John W. Martin, 43, and Edna H. Williams, 38, both of Phoenix.

VISITS PARENTS HERE—Don Henderson, former secretary to the state tax commission and at present auditor of the Scottfield Construction company of Los Angeles, will return to Phoenix this week to California after a several days' visit in Phoenix with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Henderson.

U. S. GRAND JURY CONVENES—The regular grand jury for the November session of the October term of the United States district court, district of Arizona, will convene today. A session lasting several days will follow, it is expected.

SPEEDER IS FINED—R. H. Wilbur yesterday pleaded guilty before Justice McKee on a charge of exceeding the speed limits on North Central avenue and was fined \$15. The complaint was made by G. L. Middaugh, motorcycle officer.

SOCIAL PROGRAM—The meeting of the Council of Jewish Women at the Women's club at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon will be a social one. A special program has been prepared. Mrs. Louis Lipphardt will play several selections on the piano and Miss Sylvia Cero will sing.

FOWLER CIRCLE TO MEET—The Fowler Neighborhood Improvement Circle will meet with Mrs. H. J. Hanson at 8 o'clock at 3 o'clock.

JUNIOR AUXILIARY—The Junior Auxiliary of the Council of Jewish Women will hold the next meeting this evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Miss Rose Sager, 341 North Central.

DIVORCE GRANTED—A decree of divorce has been granted Christian P. Cosselin and Mary Lee by Judge Stanford in superior court. The decree was granted on Mr. Lee's complaint of desertion.

CAPT. CHRISTY AT NOGALES—Captain Christy, now of the regular army of the United States, is located at Camp Little, Nogales, being detailed with the Twenty-fifth infantry.

MAY HAVE BLOOMS AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Jack Frost thus far this year has passed up the flowers on the courthouse lawn. Last year, according to Dave Turner, the veteran county gardener, the flowers took root at 230 North Fifth street. This year Dave is guarding 20 beautiful poinsettia plants, all blooming, until the holiday season is over. Dave says he fears sneak thieves more than he does Jack Frost.

According to Dave, the poinsettias blooming now in the front enclosure of the courthouse lawn and on the east and west sides of the courthouse are the only flowers of this variety growing in the valley in the open. When the poinsettia bloom is cut from the plant, unless the stems are sealed by dipping in hot water immediately, the petals on the flower will drop down when the sap runs out of the stem, Mr. Turner said.

Those taking the flowers from the court yard do not receive any benefit from the blossoms, Mr. Turner says, because within a few minutes after they have been clipped, the flowers are worthless. Dave hopes, however, to have a few of the poinsettias, the Christmas blossom, blooming in the court yard on Christmas day.

PAST WEEK COLD OVER STOCK RANGES

Another cold week, the coldest of the season, prevailed over the stock ranges of Arizona and western New Mexico. Generally clear skies and absence of stormy weather rendered conditions comparatively tolerable for stock. Saturday night a storm of moderate activity prevailed in the northern section and covered the ground with light snow ranging from an inappreciable amount in the vicinity of Prescott to two inches at Pinedale and Grand Canyon. One inch fell at Pinto but disappeared rapidly and by Tuesday morning only small patches lay on the ground. The weather bureau observer at Williams reports that two inches cover slopes facing north, while southern slopes are entirely bare. Sunday the highest temperature at that place was only 23 degrees. Owing to an unusually dry atmosphere the loss from evaporation has been large both from water surfaces and the soil. While the condition of stock is fairly good, continued cold weather has caused some shrinkage which, however, might be expected at this season. The forest ranger at the Walnut creek ranger station, Grand Canyon, states that stock came through the month of November in fine shape. While the snow did much to ameliorate to exceedingly dry conditions prevailing in the northern counties the water supply with few exceptions is becoming low. Conditions over the southern part of the district have changed but little, the rain continuing dry and the water supply low.

Farming operations in dryland portions of the state have made little progress owing to the exceedingly dry condition of the soil. The soil is too hard in many sections for cultivation because of a lack of moisture and seed is germinating slowly. Fair weather improved cotton picking in the southern valleys and rapid progress was made. The grade this season will compare very favorably with that of previous years.

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Coming Events

Thursday, Dec. 16: Madison Improvement club meeting, 2:30 p. m.
Thursday, Dec. 16: Dance by Business and Professional Women's club at Woman's club.
Thursday, Dec. 16: Social by Business and Professional Women's club at Woman's club, 8 p. m.
Friday, Dec. 17: Annual play by junior class at high school auditorium, 8 p. m.
Friday, Dec. 17: Rotary club luncheon at Y. M. C. A., 12:10.
Friday, Dec. 17: Madison Improvement club dance at club house.
Saturday, Dec. 18: Recital by primary pupils at Arizona School of Music, 4 p. m.
Saturday, Dec. 18: Annual play by junior class at high school auditorium, 8 p. m.
Saturday, Dec. 18: Bridge tea at the Country Club, 2:30 p. m.

LOSE NO TIME IN REACHING VERDICT

All speed records in arriving at a verdict were smashed yesterday afternoon when a jury in the federal court found E. V. Voos not guilty of a charge of stealing government property. The jurors deliberated less than five minutes.

Voos, formerly a civilian carpenter employed at Whipple Barracks was alleged to have stolen a quantity of government property while engaged in his duties at the barracks. An entire truck load of goods was displayed before the jurors as exhibits in the action. It was alleged that he had stolen these articles at Prescott.

The defendant admitted taking some of the articles on exhibit, saying that they had been given him. A cane bottomed chair, he said, he made from materials obtained at the scrap heap.

With the filing of the verdict Judge William H. Sawtelle dismissed the jury until further notice.

Trial and civil actions were then taken up by the court. The equity case of William H. Reynolds versus Colora M. Stoddard, et al. was first to be heard. It had not been completed when court adjourned for the day.

Representing the plaintiff and L. P. Lippson and J. E. Morrison the defendant.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Elizabeth Morris
Mrs. Elizabeth Morris, aged 79, passed away yesterday morning at the home of her daughter at 230 North Fifth street. Two daughters survive, Mrs. L. B. Stephens of 310 North Fifth street and a daughter in Douglas, Mrs. Morris came to Arizona 22 years ago and lived at Duncan until two years ago when she came to Phoenix.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the J. T. Whitney chapel. She was laid to rest in Greenwood cemetery. Mrs. Morris was a brave pioneer woman, a good mother and was loved by all her acquaintances. She has been confined to her bed since last February.

Mrs. Mary E. Booth
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Booth passed away Wednesday morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. L. Stoner, 1009 North Ninth street. Mrs. Booth was 72 years of age and had lived at that same residence for the past 30 years.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the A. L. Moore & Son chapel, conducted by the Rev. George M. Lehigh of the First Baptist church. Interment will be in Greenwood cemetery.

NOTICE D. O. K. K.
There will be a special meeting of El Yemamal temple No. 65 Friday, the 17th. There will be election of officers for the ensuing year. All votaries are requested to be present. By order of the Royal Vicer, Evan Wilson, D. O. K. K. Secretary.

ONE WAY TO ESCAPE THEM
There is a story about a dignitary of the church, who expressed a preference for a certain daily newspaper because he found it useful for stuffing boots. A parallel is cited by a correspondent. Certain repairs were being made in his house, and the artisan, during his dinner hour, was observed to be reading a Methodist periodical. Hence the following dialogue:

"Are you a Methodist?"
"No."
"Then why?"
"Lots of people ask me that. The fact of the matter is, it's the only paper I know I can read without coming across one of those jokes about plumbers."

WISDOM OF THE BENCH
Adolphus Babu, who for some purpose of his own has been deceiving people into believing that he was deaf and dumb, met his nemesis at Dixon in the person of an examining magistrate, who suddenly crashed an inkwell onto the floor and caused Babu to give unmistakable proof that he clearly heard the noise. The prisoner then bragged how he had deceived various military authorities, adding: "Judges certainly have more of the wisdom of Solomon than army doctors."—London Daily Chronicle.

The Merchant's association of New York City states the labor turnover in 1920 of skilled and semi-skilled workers will amount to 145 per cent. The turnover rate of unskilled labor is twice that.

ANNOUNCEMENT
Dr. J. A. Miller has removed his office from the O'Neill Bldg. to Suite 609, Heard Bldg., where he will continue the treatment of PYORRHEA EXCLUSIVELY.—Adv.

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